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Delegate Crotty receives Leadership in Excellence Award



PHOTO: Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty accepted the “2018 Leadership and Excellence Award” from the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women on Oct. 19, 2018 in Albuquerque, N.M.

ALBUQUEQUE, N.M. – Last Friday, Council Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Beclabito, Cove, Gadi’i’áhi/To’Koi, Red Valley, Tooh Haltsooi, Toadlena/Two Grey Hills, Tsé ałnáoz’t’í’í) received the “2018 Leadership in Excellence Award” from the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women at the Third Annual Awards Gala and Auction in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women is an organization that provides support to Native American advocates and tribes working in domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and sex trafficking in New Mexico’s tribal communities. The purpose of the annual gala is to recognize key leaders, advocates, public safety, community leaders, and health organizations for their continued work to end violence against Native American women.

Delegate Crotty, who serves as chair for the Naabik’íyáti’ Sexual Assault Prevention Subcommittee, said she was honored to be recognized with other “amazing” individuals who work daily to end violence against women, and said her efforts will continue to ensure improvements to safety and protections for survivors of violence.

“I want to thank the coalition and the other advocates here for the leadership award, but I must thank my family because it is through them and their teachings that I stand here to do this work. It takes us away from our families and children, but we do this work so we can have safe homes, safe families, and safe communities,” said Delegate Crotty.

She added that as leaders, it is important to use your voice to make meaningful policy changes to create and amend laws to provide protections for victims of violence. She then implored other Native American leadership to voice their support for the passage of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2018, which is currently up for consideration by congressional leadership.

Delegate Crotty stated that the Navajo Nation hopes to inspire other Native American nations through Navajo's initiatives and programs, such as the Nation's recently enacted human trafficking law, addressing revenge porn, working with federal partners, developing an effective response to domestic violence and sexual assault, and empowering communities to seek accountability from leadership.

"A few years ago before the 'Me Too Movement,' Navajo women started talking about sexual harassment in our work places and high-level offices, and we continue to work with our Navajo sisters who are leading the charge to demand accountability and promote respect for our mothers, sisters, daughters, and grandmothers. It starts with educating our communities and using your voice," said Delegate Crotty.

For more information about the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women, which provides training, technical assistance, policy advocacy, and support, you can visit their site at www.csvanw.org.

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